



As noted by the Court in its March 29 Order, Texas, like most of the world, is being heavily impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Defendants are among the state agencies at the front line of Texas's efforts to deal with the pandemic, as more fully described in Exhibits A and B. At this time, it is not known how long the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic will last or what additional resources of Defendants will be needed to combat the COVID-19 pandemic as it continues to affect Texas citizens. Defendants are committed to working with the Court and its Monitors to implement the heightened monitoring requirements from the March 18, 2020 order in a manner that also allows Defendants to continue to provide for the health and safety of the children in the foster care system during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Respectfully submitted.

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